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The Cleveland Museum of Art Celebrates Film with Special After Hours Event on Feb. 25

Fast Forward Highlights "NightOwls of Coventry" by Local Filmmaker Laura Paglin

CLEVELAND (Feb. 3, 2005) — The Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) will host **Fast Forward: Party at the Speed of Light**, a creative extravaganza inspired by the art of filmmaking on **Friday, Feb. 25, from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.** This year's event will feature a special Cleveland preview of "NightOwls of Coventry," directed by Laura Paglin at 7:30 p.m. In addition, the Museum will be open to visitors during this rare, after-hours event that will feature live music, films, technology, poetry and food and drink.

Admission to the party is $10; $20 for both the party and the film; $25 for the party and the film and $15 for the party only after 10 p.m. at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ClevelandArt.org by calling the CMA's Ticket Center at 216-421-7350.

The evening will also allow a special opportunity to see the Museum's newest special exhibition, ***Masterworks from The Phillips Collection*** (on view through May 29, 2005) without paying the regular admission price of $10 ($12 on the weekend).

The full line-up of entertainment for the evening includes:

- **Art:** In addition to ***Masterworks from The Phillips Collection***, visitors can browse ***From Leipzig***, a collection of works by contemporary artist who studied at the Leipzig Academy in the 1990's in the Project 244 gallery; ***Drawn with Light: Pioneering French Photography from the Cleveland Museum of Art*** a complementary exhibition to ***The Phillips Collection***; and the Museum's permanent collection will be open for the evening.
- **Film:** View short films in the Museum's Gartner Auditorium. Films on view include *Slit Scan, L'Arrivée, Fast Film, Outer Space, Notes on Film 01, Dream Work* and *Marsa Abu Galawa*. In addition, Twisted Spine will be presenting "The Independent Drive In" in the Outdoor Sculpture Garden.
- **Music:** Local Cleveland band *Blue Lunch* will perform throughout the evening in the Museum's North Lobby and House music by Shinkoyo featuring Severiano Martinez will be performed in the Interior Garden Court.
- **Technology:** NEO SIGGRAPH and ACM present selections from the Electronic Theatre in the Recital Hall and graphic installations by Cleveland Institute of Art students throughout the galleries.

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- **Poetry:** Poetry readings in the Museum Café, part of the **NIA Coffee House**. Readings by Vince Robinson and the Jazz Poets.
- **Multiculturalism:** Café Belles Artes explores the influences of music on the Latino community with the Roberto Ocasio Latin Jazz Project.
- **Food and Drink:** Cash bar with beer and wine, sushi in the Museum's Asian Lobby and entrees in the Museum Café.

Screened as a rough cut at the 2002 Cleveland International Film Festival, "NightOwls of Coventry" by Cleveland filmmaker Laura Paglin is set in a 1973 Coventry, OH, a suburb of Cleveland. Marv, the owner of an old neighborhood Jewish deli, must stay open 24 hours to cater to a new generation of clientele, but straight-laced neighborhood do-gooders want to close him down.

Filmmaking since the age of 14 in her hometown of Portland, Ore., Paglin began tape recording interviews with dozens of Coventry residents; Jewish immigrants who had lived there in the 1930s and 40s in addition to hippies and bikers who had hung out there in the 1960s and 70s. Drawn by the neighborhood's colorful inhabitants, Paglin felt it necessary to document the area's rich history and strong sense of community.

Fast Forward is sponsored by Great Lakes Brewing Company, Cleveland Free Times, Cleveland International Film Festival and Vincent Lighting. The museum receives operating support from the Ohio Arts Council.

The Cleveland Museum of Art, located at 11150 East Blvd. in University Circle, is one of America's leading comprehensive Museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 6,000 years. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and art acquisitions. For more information on the Museum, its holdings, programs, services and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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